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## BCSFA NEWSLETTER

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the "what are we?" will be held on Friday September 21 at 7:30 PM at Pat Burrows' residence, 6693 Wiltshire in the city. Please consider yourself invited. There will be a slide show of photos taken at the recent World SF Convention in Toronto. Another topic will be the organization of the 3rd Vancouver SF Convention. Bring your ideas for panels and events. At this meeting we may have some surprise visitors.

Note: because of allergies, smoking is not allowed in the house itself, however, BYOB.

### TORCON 2 REPORT

The 31st World SF Convention was held from August 31 to September 3 in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel. It was the largest SF convention ever held. More than 2,700 people attended and there were 3500 members, i.e., 800 non-attending members.

Robert Bloch was the professional guest of honour, cartoonist, porno film-maker, sometime SF writer, Bill Rotsler was the fan guest of honour, and the toastmaster was Lester del Rey. Noticeable pros in attendance included Isaac Asimov, Fred Pohl, John Brunner, David Gerrold, Harry Harrison, Robert Silverberg, Raphael Lafferty, Poul Anderson, Gordon Dickson, Larry Niven, Ben Bova, Ted White, Clifford Simak, Jerry Pournelle, F.M. Busby, Joanna Russ, and Victoria's Michael G. Coney.

Mike Bailey, Brent MacLean, Pat Burrows, David George, Dan Say, Michael G. Coney, and Chuck and Edna Davis were locals who attended the convention and we met some people from Victoria there. Generally, this was the best convention we (Brent and I) have ever attended and this was because we knew many people there. However, the convention itself was generally inferior to last year's LACon.

Large conventions have traditional events such as a costume show, an art show, a huckster room, continuous films, and a banquet, (in this case, it was the Hugo Awards Banquet). The 1973 Hugos, for 1972's best as voted by the convention members were awarded as follows:

BEST NOVEL: The Gods Themselves by Isaac Asimov; (2) When Harlie Was One by David Gerrold  
BEST NOVELLA: The Word For World Is Forest by Ursula Le Guin; (2) The Gold At Starbow's End by Fred Pohl  
BEST NOVELETTE: Goat Song by Poul Anderson; (2) Patron of the Arts by Bill Rotsler  
BEST SHORT STORY: a tie between Eurema's Dam by R.A. Lafferty and The Meeting by Fred Pohl and C.M. Kornbluth  
BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION: Slaughterhouse Five (2) The People  
BEST PROFESSIONAL EDITOR: Ben Bova (ANALOG); (2) Donald A. Wollheim (DAW Books)  
BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTIST: Frank Kelly Freas; (2) Jack Gaughan  
BEST AMATEUR MAGAZINE: ENERGUMEN ; (2) LOCUS  
BEST FAN WRITER: Terry Carr; (2) Susan Glicksohn  
BEST FAN ARTIST: Tim Kirk; (2) Bill Rotsler  
JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD (Best New Author): Jerry Pournelle  
BIG HEART AWARD: Clifford D. Simak

The 1974 World Convention will take place in Washington, D.C. The guest of honour will be Roger Zelazny and the chairpeople for the convention are Alice and Jay "Haldeman?". The 1975 World Convention will be held in Melbourne Australia and the guest of honour will be Ursula K. Le Guin.

A longer, more personal Torcon report will appear in LAGNIAPPE--remember if you have any book reviews, etc., contact Mike Bailey at 731-8451.

OTHER NEWS

Very Important Australian fan, Bruce Gillespie, will be visiting Vancouver sometime this year. Bruce publishes what is probably the best SF fan magazine, SF COMMENTARY, and hopes to run off an issue in Vancouver.

The Marvel Comics entry into the digest fiction field, THE HAUNT OF HORROR has officially suspended publication. Meanwhile the new slick SF magazine, VERTEX, is apparently doing well-- the fourth issue just came on sale locally.

Canadian-born Gordon R. Dickson (well known convention drunk) has recently written R-Master, Star Prince Charlie, (a Hoka book co-authored with Poul Anderson), Time Storm, and Lifeboat (co-authored with Harry Harrison). These books will all be published in the next year.

Jason Robards is the star of the movie version of Harlan Ellison's A Boy And His Dog, which is currently being edited. Incidentally Ellison has severed his connection with the new TV series The Starlost. His pseudonym, Cordwainer Bird, will appear in the credits for the first two shows.

Book Review

From Ballantine Books "Very Original" Cooking Out of This World edited by Ann MacCaffrey

DRY MARTINI

100% ethyl alcohol, sodium, add water or Vermouth and get some surprising results. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR HUMAN BEINGS.

Larry Niven

ALL MY OWN INVENTION

2 oz. dark rum, 2 oz. dry vermouth, 1oz. fresh lemon juice, stirred over ice. Sneaky.

Poul Anderson

BOOZER'S DESSERT

1/2 cup light rum, 3 oz. package raspberry Jello, 1/2 pint heavy cream

Sonya Dorman

In this strange book there are recipes for such delicacies as Squid With Pine Nuts (John Brunner), Spam Chowder (Grant Carrington), Cafe Ellison Diabolique (Harlan Ellison), Crab Nebula (Ursula K. Le Guin) and Busted Knoccap (Larry Niven).

REMINDER

Don't forget the meeting. It's important

We may be having "fish counters" in a week or so - if you're interested.